

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
USSN 10/825,666  
Attorney Docket Q81034  
August 11, 2005

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the last Office Action Claims 1-3 inclusive were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kitamura *et al.* (US 2003/0224903A1). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kitamura *et al.* in view of Okada *et al.* (US 6,793,059 B2).

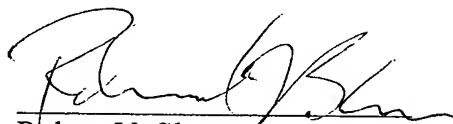
In view of the submission of the sworn translation of the Italian priority document, it is submitted that the prior art relied upon by the Examiner in the rejection of Claims 1-4 is no longer applicable and it is respectfully requested that the rejections of Claims 1-4 inclusive be withdrawn and the application passed to issue forthwith.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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